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APPROVAL OF PROJECT 19P-58486-F-01

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1. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/PROJECT DIRECTOR, PROF. DR. HASSAN ASHMAWI, CAIRO UNIV., WAS "CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, THE EGYPTAIN GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD INDUSTRIES," AT TIME PROJECT ENTITLED "INFLUENCE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECURITY" WAS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION. OUR INFORMATION INDICATES SALARY IN BUDGET WAS BASED ON PERCENT OF TIME TO BE SPENT APPLIED TO TOTAL CURRENT EARNINGS. IF THIS IS EXCESSIVE OR OUT OF PAY SCALE BASED ON TOTAL INCOME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE IN WORKING OUT NEW SALARY ARRANGEMENTS AGREEABLE TO INVESTIGATOR AND MFA.
2. FIGURE OF L.E. 2,500 FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BY EGYPTAIN RESEARCHERS IS TO PROVIDE FOR ONE MEETING IN U.S. DURING THE YEAR WITH U.S. BASED RESEARCH AND COMPUTER CONSULTANTS, SSA PROJECT OFFICER, AND OTHER SSA PROGRAM AND TECHNICAL STAFF FOR THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/PROJECT DIRECTOR AND TWO RESEARCH ASSOCIATES TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTAL, IMPLEMENTATION AND ANALYTIC PHASES OF PROJECT AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER RESEARCH EFFORTS OF CONCERN TO SSA. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR SSA PROJECT OFFICER AND CONSULTANTS FOR ON-SITE SURVEILLANCE

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AND ASSISTANCE. THIS LEVEL OF CONTACT IS CONSIDERED DE-

SIRABLE TO ASSURE HIGH QUALITY PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCT RELATED TO OTHER RESEARCH EFFORTS.

3. WE DO NOT CONSIDER DESIGNATING DR. ASHMAWI PAYEE DESIRABLE. IT IS STANDARD PRACTICE AT HEW ON DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RESEARCH NOT TO DESIGNATE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AS PAYEES. WE AGREE HAVING PROJECT FUNDS GO INTO UNIVERSITY GENERAL ACCOUNTS WITH RESULTANT DELAY IN PROJECT PAYMENTS IS NOT A GOOD ARRANGEMENT. IF THE EMBASSY CAN NEGOTIATE AN ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY SOMEONE WITH FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY IS NAMED PAYEE BUT THE FUNDS ARE NOT PUT INTO THE UNIVERSITY GENERAL ACCOUNTS OR PUT SOLELY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/PROJECT DIRECTOR, THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND WELCOME. A SEPARATE PROJECT ACCOUNT WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE OF CAIRO UNIVERSITY WITH A COLLEGE OFFICER AS PAYEE MIGHT BE A SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT.

4. SSA APPRECIATES EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AND HOPES THESE ISSUES CAN BE RESOLVED QUICKLY SO THE PROJECT CAN START. KISSINGER

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